


SCHISTOSOMIASIS

- Caused by parasite obtained from infected snails
 - Parasite pierces skin during contact with infested water
- Symptoms
 - Rash or itchy skin within days
 - Fever, cough, and muscle aches within 1-2 months
 - Liver, lung, bladder or intestinal damage possible
- Countermeasures  Avoid water contact
 - Avoid swimming and wading in lakes, rivers, and streams (mission permitting)
 - Immediately apply alcohol to skin and dry briskly with towel after water contact
 - Clothing and boots offer some protection

